

CLEARWELL SCHOOL HAS TWO CO-HEADTEACHERS!

MRS MARGARET RALPH AND MR IAN FORBES

Important dates for your diary

- ◆ 25th January - The school Choir is taking part in the 'Young Voices' Event at Symphony Hall Birmingham, together with Parkend School.
- ◆ 7th February - Willow Class visit to the Roman remains and museum at Caerleon
- ◆ 10th February - Last day of Term 3
- ◆ 20th February - School opens Term 4
- ◆ 7th April - Last day of Term 4
- ◆ 24th April - School opens Term 5
- ◆ 1st May - Bank Holiday
- ◆ 25th May - Last Day Term 5
- ◆ 26th May - INSET day
- ◆ 5th June - School opens Term 6
- ◆ 10th—14th July - Year 6 Induction week Dean Academy,
- ◆ 10th July - New Entrants Evening Monmouth Comp
- ◆ 11th– 14th July - Year 6 Welcome Days Monmouth Comp
- ◆ 21st July - Last day Term 6

From your Headteacher

Dear Everyone, we have been working hard with the County Council and other contacts over the last three weeks to try to find a Headteacher to work with me in supporting the school over the next four terms—ie. Until the end of the school year. I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have been successful thanks to the Churches in Monmouth, who put me in touch with a recently retired Headteacher, Ian Forbes. He was interviewed by Governors and a County Council Officer yesterday—was offered the post and has accepted it. He will be working three days a week—generally Wed—Fri, and I will be working two—Mon/Tues. He will be looking after the curriculum, planning and assessment and I will be dealing with all personnel issues, overall management of the school and children with additional needs. There will be areas where we will have shared responsibilities, and clearly being available to you as parents will be one of those areas.

Mr. Forbes will be joining us from next week, and we will both be in school on Monday so that we can finalise the

Details of how we will work together. I would like to invite you to come and meet Mr Forbes— either this Friday ,or next Monday afternoon at 2.45 pm in the middle classroom—tea and cake provided! He is very keen to get to know you and your children—and I am sure that you will want to meet him

Margaret Ralph



Stars of the week



HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Frank Allen, Brooke Allen

STAR OF THE WEEK

Kayden Taylor, Emily Jukes

TOP TABLE

Rory Graham, Millie-May Lynch Martin Coates, Harrison Pile,

Wellie Walk

Wellie Walks – Thanks to the parents who are able to support our Tuesday afternoon Wellie Walks. If you would like to help, let Miss Brint know.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will continue this term at Freedom Leisure in Lydney. Willow Class will be swimming on Monday afternoons. Oak Class will be swimming on Wednesday afternoons in Terms 5 & 6

TOPIC THIS TERM

Oak Class have begun an exciting topic based around The Circus and you will find their 'topic web' on the school website. If you have any books - story or factual— about the circus that you would be willing to let us borrow I am sure that Miss Brint would be delighted. Equally,.... if you know of anyone with a unicycle that they could demonstrate....!!

TOPIC THIS TERM

KS2 - The Romans

Mrs Ansell and Mrs Bradley have wasted no time in starting their interesting topic on the Romans which will incorporate a visit to the Roman ruins at Caerleon and the museum there. If you have any books or artefacts (coins, statues etc.) from visits you have made - here or abroad - that might be of interest to the children please have a word with the teachers as I am sure they will be very grateful.



Dress for the Weather

Now that the cold weather has returned. Please may we remind you to make sure that your child comes to school with appropriate warm / water proof coats, hats, gloves etc.

Parent Pay

Please ensure all payments for Breakfast Club, Trips, Swimming & Music are made promptly. School lunch payments must be made in advance.

Young Voices



Clearwell and Parkend schools will travel together to Birmingham on January 25th to take part in the 'Young Voices' Festival. There will be over a thousand children singing and it is a truly special and very moving occasion to see. I will be travelling with the children that day—we will be leaving school at 10.30 am and returning at approx. 11pm. If your child is taking part and is very tired on the following morning then on this occasion they may come into school for morning break time and not lose their attendance mark.



Paperless

A reminder that all future Newsletters will be sent to you via email. For those who don't have access to the internet, there will be a few hard copies in Reception.

Sports Club



Although the formal collaboration with Parkend has ended there will still be opportunities in the future for children from Clearwell to attend some sporting activities. If they are offered by an outside provider there will be insurance in place that covers our children as well as the Parkend children. This term it is netball, and in the summer term it will probably be athletics. At the moment some spaces for Netball on Tuesdays after school. This club is open to KS2 children (Y3-Y6). Please let Mrs Frith in the school office know if you are interested in your child/children attending. We will need to work together, as we have in the past, to make arrangements in order to get the Clearwell children to Parkend.

